

Notes of March 5, 2012 Meeting
Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Group

Attending: Anne Miller, Rich Phillips, John Morris, Nick Seifert, Joel Trupin, Lawrence Black

Convene: 7:05 PM

Adjourn: 8:39 PM

Business:

- 1) Anne suggested we pursue a town-wide meeting on climate change to promote discussion and interest. She suggested the book "Higher Ground" might be a good source to identify how plants and animals will adapt to climate change. The Conservation Commission would be asked to participate and maybe the library would be asked to help sponsor the meeting. The CC member experience and technical ability would help identify the potential affects of climate change in our town. Rose Paul might be asked to present the Winooski Valley Climate Change Report she was instrumental in developing.

Discussion would include input from residents on what they think should be done locally to address this problem and the potential effects of different actions. Anne and Nick will pursue this project

Nick will provide Rich with a web source for a current description of the climate change status for use in Field Notes

- 2) We discussed updating ourselves on the current legislation and guidance concerning PACE. We would review it and decide whether to support it to the Select Board. Nick and Joel took on the task
- 3) We reviewed the energy survey for Town Meeting prepared by John, Anne and Rich
- 4) We discussed progress on the solar PV project at Twinfield and OSC. This was to develop very rough designs and costs including local costs. The TM survey showed good support for both of these projects. Ed, Anne and John are handling this project. Ed had put together some information. More work remains. Since John is also involved with the e-mail list development, it was decided to get that done before proceeding on solar---since solar can't be presented to the town until 2013.
- 5) John and Nick have not had time to work on the e-mail list. Nick felt there are other ways to distribute information and announcements. Several options have been used in the past with little success. E-mail gets the message into the home efficiently and surely.
- 6) Neighborhood group idea was discussed. Rich is to call several potential area (neighborhood) contacts. The TM survey results show several people willing to participate and sponsor.
- 7) Marshfield Village lights will be changed over shortly. Existing light levels measured by Joel and Rich were exceedingly low.
- 8) The Twinfield sleuthing night identified several uses that could be reduced or eliminated such as: the bus heaters could be on timers, the steam generator in the kitchen should be shut off, the water temperature booster for the dishwasher should be shut odd, the computers should be shut down. Conservation Guidelines and Capital Lists have been prepared for adoption.